Detectives!

This game is to help your child make sense of the world and solve problems using language. These are important skills for your child to learn.

To play this game you will need some objects from around home e.g. cup, book, toy, pencils, keys, etc. You could also use the ‘loot pictures’ attached.

Place all the objects on the floor or table in front of the players. One player is the thief and another player is the detective.

The detective has to close their eyes (or wear a blindfold) while the thief steals some objects and hides them around the room. Once the thief has hidden the objects he or she tells the detective to open their eyes. The detective has to work out what is missing, who took them and where they are hidden by asking the players questions. The other players must answer honestly but can only answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’.

e.g. Did you stand up?
    Did you go over to the fish tank?
    Did you hide the cup behind the fish tank?

Encourage your child to tell you how they have worked out the answers.

Variations

To make this game easier choose just three objects.

To make this game harder use more objects and hiding places.
Loot Pictures

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